



State of Utah

## Governor's Watershed Initiative

Utah Department of Agriculture and  
Food,

Utah Department of Environmental  
Quality,

Utah Department of Natural Resources



Where Life & Landscape  
Connect

OLENE S. WALKER  
*Governor*

GAYLE F. McKEACHNIE  
*Lieutenant Governor*

# News

Contacts: Laura Vernon, (801) 536-4484  
Mary Perry, (435) 645-8937

April 17, 2004

Governor's Watershed Initiative Take Pride in Utah Day

## Volunteers Rally to Clean East Canyon Creek During Take Pride in Utah Day

Today, as part of the Governor's Watershed Initiative and the Adopt-A-Waterbody program, more than 25 volunteers from four Park City organizations joined efforts to clean up dog waste and plant native vegetation along East Canyon Creek.

East Canyon Creek has been in danger from low water, high phosphorous content and canine waste running off into the stream.

"Through this active day of trail cleanup and stream planting, we educated the public about the importance of our natural waterways," said Mary Perry of the High Country Fly Fishers.

Participants in today's activity included volunteers from High Country Fly Fishers, Recycle Utah, Snyderville Basin Water Reclamation District and Swaner Nature Preserve.

The Governor's Watershed Initiative is designed improve several watersheds throughout the state and to increase awareness and education about the importance of watersheds.

"Watersheds are important to all Utahns because they provide the life-giving supply of water that grows our food and provides for our needs," said Utah Governor Olene S. Walker.

(more)

“We’ve set a lofty goal to take care of these vast areas, but together I know we can meet it. Our watersheds are our life sheds.”

The Governor is calling on individual volunteers, families and organizations to get involved by adopting a waterbody.

More information about the Governor’s Watershed Initiative and the Adopt-A-Waterbody program is available on the Web at <http://adoptawaterbody.utah.gov>.

# # #